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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 AND § 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references AA through DD listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/332,286, filed June 11, 1999. Copies of references AB, BC, and DB are submitted herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references AA, AC-BB, BD-DA and DC-DD have not been included herein as such copies are available in parent application Serial No. 09/332,286, filed June 11, 1999. Applicants will provide copies of references AA, AC-BB, BD-DA and DC-DD upon request by the Examiner.



Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449 since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the first Office Action on merits, no fee is believed due. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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